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Decree 060-SL/NV of June 22, 1971
fixing the number of National Assembly Deputies
to be elected for the 1971-1975 term of office.

Article 1 - The number of National Assembly Deputies to be elected for the 1971-1975 tenure of office in Saigon, Provinces and Autonomous Cities in the August 29, 1971 election is set forth in the annex attached to this Decree.

Article 2 - The Prime Minister, Ministers of State, Ministers, Secretaries of State, Vice Ministers, Prefect, Province Chiefs, and Mayors are charged with the execution of this Decree, according to the duties of each.

This Decree shall be announced in accordance with emergency procedures, and published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Viet-Nam.

Saigon, June 22, 1971
s/ TRAN THIEN KHIEM

List showing the number of Deputies for each Constituency for the 1971-1975 term.
(Annex to Decree 060-SL/NV of June 22, 1971)

Serial No. of Admin. Units	Prefecture, Provinces, Cities	Serial numbers of Constituencies	Composition of Constituencies	Number of Voters	Number of Deputies for each Constituency	Remarks
1	Saigon Prefecture	1	Precinct 1	43,534		
			2	60,847		
			3	84,550		
			4	55,481		
			9	6,771		
				251,263	5	
		2	Precinct 5	87,090		
			10	92,218		
				179,308	4	
		3	Precinct 6	61,377		
			7	15,532		
			8	55,688		
			11	67,237		
				199,834	4	

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2	Hue City	4	Single Constituency	60,063	1	
3	Da Nang City	5	" "	147,304	3	
4	Quang Nam	6	" "	187,442	4	
5	Quang Ngai	7	" "	212,738	5	4 Vietnamese 1 Montagnard
6	Quang Tin	8	" "	145,767	3	
7	Quang Tri	9	" "	124,681	2	
8	Thua Thien	10	" "	187,703	4	
9	Cam Ranh City	11	" "	37,628	1	
10	Qui Nhon City	12	" "	66,820	1	
11	Nha Trang City	13	" "	78,038	2	
12	Dalat City	14	" "	38,893	1	
13	Binh Dinh	15	" "	267,151	5	
14	Binh Thuan	16	" "	108,893	4	2 Vietnamese 1 Cham 1 North VN Montagnard Refugee
15	Darlac	17	" "	83,626	3	2 Vietnamese 1 Montagnard
16	Khanh-Hoa	18	" "	88,499	2	
17	Kontum	19	" "	32,517	2	1 Vietnamese 1 Montagnard
18	Lam Dong	20	" "	32,163	1	
19	Ninh Thuan	21	" "	75,942	3	2 Vietnamese 1 Cham
20	Phu Bon	22	" "	27,181	2	1 Vietnamese 1 Montagnard
21	Phu Yen	23	" "	113,659	2	
22	Pleiku	24	" "	91,736	3	2 Vietnamese 1 Montagnard

23	Quang Duc	25	" "	15,291	1	
24	Tuyen Duc	26	" "	41,360	3	1 Vietnamese 1 Montagnard 1 North VN Montagnard refugee
25	Vung Tau City	27	" "	43,044	1	
26	Bien Hoa	28	" "	190,365	4	
27	Binh Duong	29	" "	119,044	2	
28	Binh Long	30	" "	33,525	1	
29	Binh Tuy	31	" "	30,271	1	
30	Gia Dinh	32	Tan-Binh district	161,929		
			Hoc-Mon district	79,033		
			Binh-Chanh district	25,224		
				266,186	5	
		33	Go-Vap district and Con Son Island	134,821		
			Thu-Duc district	70,576		
			Nha-Be district	26,036		
			Quang-Xuyen dist.	6,062		
			Can-Gio district	4,038		
				241,532	5	
31	Hau Nghia	34	Single Constituency	87,431	2	
32	Long An	35	" "	137,183	3	
33	Long Khanh	36	" "	66,564	1	
34	Phuoc Long	37	" "	28,085	1	
35	Phuoc Tuy	38	" "	52,574	1	
36	Tay Ninh	39	" "	143,643	3	
37	My Tho City	40	" "	34,347	1	
38	Can Tho City	41	" "	61,084	1	

39	Rach Gia City	42	"	"	33,789	1	
40	An Giang	43	"	"	245,236	5	
41	An Xuyen	44	"	"	70,235	1	
42	Ba Xuyen	45	"	"	149,669	4	3 Vietnamese 1 Vietnamese of Khmer descent
43	Bac Lieu	46	"	"	104,438	3	2 Vietnamese 1 Vietnamese of Khmer descent
44	Chau Doc	47	"	"	223,223	5	4 Vietnamese 1 Vietnamese of Khmer descent
45	Chuong Thien	48	"	"	87,249	3	2 Vietnamese 1 Vietnamese of Khmer descent
46	Dinh Tuong	49	"	"	168,660	3	
47	Go Cong	50	"	"	73,584	1	
48	Kien Giang	51	"	"	102,704	3	2 Vietnamese 1 Vietnamese of Khmer descent
49	Kien Hoa	52	"	"	196,520	4	
50	Kien Phong	53	"	"	139,321	3	
51	Kien Tuong	54	"	"	19,115	1	
52	Phong Dinh	55	"	"	122,119	2	
53	Sa Dec	56	"	"	115,250	2	
54	Vinh Binh	57	"	"	126,750	4	3 Vietnamese 1 Vietnamese of Khmer descent

55	Vinh Long	58	"	"	204,051	4
					TOTAL	152

including:

136 Vietnamese
6 Vietnamese of Khmer descent
6 Montagnards
2 Chams
2 North VN Montagnard refugees

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION LAW

1. Date of Election: The Lower House Elections will be held on August 29, 1971.

2. Electoral Districts: Each province and municipality will be one electoral constituency except for Saigon and Gia Dinh Province which, because of their size, are divided into three and two constituencies, respectively. Each constituency will elect one Deputy for each 50,000 registered voters and an additional Deputy for the balance if it exceeds 25,000. Sixteen Lower House seats are reserved for candidates of various ethnic minorities; six each for Cambodians and Montagnards and two each for Chams and for Northern Montagnard refugees. (A Decree of June 22 fixed the total seats at 152, compared with 137 in 1967. A number of provinces and cities qualify for only one seat but several constituencies have five, and others are in between.)

3. Voters: Any citizen regardless of sex 18 years of age as of December 30, 1970 is entitled to vote provided he is inscribed on the voting lists, holds a valid voter's card and has not been deprived of his citizenship rights by a court trial.

4. Qualifications of Candidates: In general, any individual who is 25 years of age and has been a citizen for at least seven years and resided in Viet-Nam continuously for the past year may be a candidate provided he does not fall into the following categories of excluded persons: those who have been sentenced for criminal or other offenses, or have served more than three months imprisonment for such offenses; or who have refused orders to serve in the armed forces; or any state employee who has been suspended, dismissed or resigned for disciplinary reasons; or who have "worked for Communism or pro-Communist neutralism." Candidates sentenced for political offenses prior to April 1, 1967 may appeal to a judicial council for a waiver. Certain military, civilian and police officials are not allowed to run in the constituencies where they have served unless they have left the position in question at least one year prior to the election.

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5. Filing of Candidacies: Lower House candidates must file their candidacies with local administrative authorities from June 30 to July 6. In each city and province a Local Election Council will be established, headed by the local judge. This Council will accept complaints against candidates, review their dossiers and decide to register or eliminate the would-be candidate's application. The decision of the local election board is subject to appeal to the Central Election Council in Saigon whose decision is final. The Central Election Council is chaired by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and consists of another Supreme Court Justice, one Senator, one Deputy, the Prosecutor of the Saigon Court of Appeal, and an official of the Ministry of the Interior.

6. Campaign: The official campaign takes place from August 14 to 28. A committee of representatives of the candidates organizes the campaigning, on the basis of equal treatment for all in type and number of posters, public appearances before the voters, use of media for campaigning, etc. Each candidate must deposit a sum of 50,000 piasters ($424 at the official rate of exchange) with the Treasury, to cover campaign costs, which is not returned if the candidate fails to receive ten percent of the vote. Campaign expenses are paid by the Treasury.

7. Polling and Vote Counting: The law contains detailed instructions on how the polling and vote-counting are to be organized in order to prevent irregularities. Each candidate has the right to appoint an observer at each polling station who can inspect every aspect of the process from the time the polls are opened until counting of votes is completed. Counting is done at each polling station and the report of the results forwarded to the main polling center of the constituency, where candidates' observers may also be present. The Local Election Council considers the report of the main polling center and any complaints or irregularities, and announces the official results in the constituency on September 3.

8. Appeals and Validation: The law provides for expeditious consideration by the Courts of any legal complaints brought with regard to violations of the electoral law. The final validation of the election of the new Deputies is carried out by the new Lower House itself.

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1971 LOWER HOUSE ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 29	Voter lists posted for the first time
June 30 -	(8:00 a.m.) to July 6 (6:00 p.m.) Period for filing candidacies with local administrative authorities
July 8	Deadline for first public posting of candidates' names
July 9-12	Complaints about candidates may be filed with Local Election Council
July 13-16	Local Election Council reviews dossiers
July 17	Local Election Council has meeting with candidates to announce registration or elimination of their names as candidates
July 18-21	Further complaints about registration or elimination submitted to Local Election Council
July 19	Deadline for complaints about voter lists
July 24	Deadline for transmission of complaints about voter lists to Local Election Council by the administrative authorities
	Deadline for Local Election Council to submit to Central Election Council dossiers of candidates involved in complaints
July 25-August 1	Central Election Council examines complaints on candidates
August 1	Deadline for Local Election Councils to examine voter lists and return them to administrative authorities
August 4	of Deadline for second posting/candidates' names at Central Election Council
August 7	Deadline for second posting of candidates' names at local administrative offices
August 8	Local Election Campaign Committees convene by this day at the latest
August 9	Deadline for second posting of voter lists
August 14-28	(12 noon) Official campaign period
August 20	Deadline for announcing location of polling stations
August 29	Election Day (polling 0700 - 1600)
August 30 - September 1	Period for filing complaints with Local Election Council
September 1	Deadline for filing complaints with local court
September 3	Local Election Councils announce official results